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I replied our note would consist of references made in two messages quoted circular 263 (which I let him read) and Secretary's testimony before Senate Foreign Relations Committee next Monday. He inquired whether our note would not make some reference with respect to attitude Burmese Government should take in event East Germany endeavors register with it notification that it had adhered to treaty. I replied we had no instructions to that effect but that it seemed to me that it would be very awkward for the US to take any position raising a question as to whether East Germany could adhere as we had from the outset taken the position that we hoped the treaty would be adhered to by the maximum number in the shortest time and that it was my impression we certainly hoped Communist China would adhere and that the procedure adopted was specifically designed to permit the largest number of signatories without raising the question of recognition. I then referred again to US position as set forth circular 263. German Ambassador then attempted convince me that we could make plain to Burmese difference between non-recognition Communist or Nationalist China and non-recognition East Germany. I observed that Burmese would see issues quite differently and that Burmese, perhaps more than any other nation, fully understood and sympathized with procedures developed for permitting maximum numbers to adhere without raising question of recognition. I expressed view Burmese would not raise this

question

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question and would not consider their policy re non-recognition East Germany affected in any way by adherence of latter to treaty, even though Burma also adhered. He agreed with latter and supposed that perhaps would do if our note limited to presentation US views this subject. He asked to see what we send Burmese. I agreed to send him copy of our note.

I don't know whether he was really unhappy about our position or only making the maximum effort. We understand British note will be along lines we contemplate and makes no reference to issued raised paragraph (4) German note.

Please advise.

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